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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 8:57 AM
To: John M. Hoffman
Subject: RE: Major water leak on LCP
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John, FYI the attached is a summary of what happened in 2009.

I'll call John Schreiber right now.

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From: John M. Hoffman [mailto:jmhoffman@ashland.com]
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Hi Jon - FYI below

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Subject: Major water leak on LCP

Hi John just to let you know we found a major water leak on the LCP property. I have reported it to the water company and they should be responding to the leak today.

We need this leak repair as soon as possible as it is effecting our plant as we now have no water and it is a safety factor.

I can be reach at [REDACTED]

My name is Dave Bove and I am the site manager for the LPH site.

Thank you

Dave

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On April 8, 2009 ISP noticed a large amount of water emanating from two holes on the LCP property. The water was from a break in a 16 inch water main owned by American Water. The water line services fire hydrants for the nearby New Star Property.

The 2 holes were located just east of the North-South road and approximately midway between the RCRA cap (i.e., the "lagoon") and the South Branch Creek. Water from the holes was running directly to the South Branch Creek east of the bridge, and over the road and into the creek just west of the bridge.

Soon after discovering the break, ISP contacted American Water and US EPA. The Site RPM and the ISP project manager proceeded to the Site. Before either arrived, American Water had been to the site, decided it was not an emergency and arranged to return the following day to make repairs. The American Water contractors/staff were escorted on and off the Site by ISP personnel.

When the RPM arrived, he and the ISP manager further assessed the situation. It appeared the RCRA cap and other key areas were not threatened, and a review of Site data showed the area being impacted had roughly the same level of Hg contamination as the upper South Branch Creek. Nevertheless, EPA and ISP decided to call American Water back to shut off or fix the main immediately. American Water failed to show by early evening.

The following day (Thurs the 9th) American Water's HAZWOPER trained contractors arrived and completed the repair. Water pressure was kept on at all times to ensure that the water main would not become contaminated. After the repair was completed the water main was flushed through a hydrant to remove any air bubbles from the pipe.

According to American Water, the break was on the bottom side of the pipe. Water pressure had dug a hole under the break that was roughly nine feet deep and 3 feet wide. If this estimate is correct, it appears about 64 cubic yards of material was moved into nearby areas, including South Branch Creek. Workers for American Water filled the hole with stones.

Follow-Up

EPA contacted American Water (Scott Schrieber (908) 791-3464) to ask that the water main be re-routed away from the Site. American Water indicated that while pipes had been laid to divert this main, the diversion cannot now be used as they are waiting for NJDEP permits. EPA asked for written information about the permits, which is apparently forthcoming.